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In re Application of :
Joaquin Blaya, et al. :
Application No. 10/671,329 : DECISION ON PETITION
Filed: September 25, 2003 :
Attorney Docket No. 0050.2061-000 :

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.182, filed November 19, 2008, to change the order of the names of the inventors.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

Office records have been corrected to reflect the change in the order of the named inventors. A corrected Filing Receipt, which sets forth the desired order of the named inventors, accompanies this decision on petition.

This application is being referred to Technology Center AU 3762 for further processing

Telephone inquiries related to this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3204. Inquiries relating to the status or further prosecution of the application should be directed to the Technology Center.

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ATTACHMENT: Corrected Filing Receipt



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Domestic Priority data as claimed by applicant

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Title

Active Ankle Foot Orthosis

Preliminary Class

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